

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____

Whereas, the members of the Missouri Senate hold in high esteem Show-Me State residents who admirably dedicate an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Dan Hill has attained considerable distinction as a vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Sweet Springs High School, a vocational calling that he will draw to a close at the end of the 2007-2008 school year in well-deserved retirement after thirty years of service; and

Whereas, a native of Ripley County in southern Missouri, Dan Hill attended Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff after high school and before finishing his degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1978; and

Whereas, a graduate of Doniphan High School at the age of seventeen and a college graduate at the age of twenty, Dan Hill had to convince doubting administrators in the Sweet Springs School District that he would be able to teach students who weren't all that much younger than he was when he started his career; and

Whereas, Dan Hill's connection to FFA goes all the way back to his own student membership in the organization, for which his Supervised Agriculture Experience consisted of the cattle, hogs, and honeybees that he raised on a farm that was homesteaded by his great-grandfather in 1888; and

Whereas, the FFA chapter that Dan Hill serves as advisor has been recognized as a 3-Star chapter three times at the National FFA Convention, and in 2006 it was named a national finalist for the Models of Innovation Award in Community Development; and

Whereas, the Sweet Springs agriculture department was recognized in 2007 as the outstanding secondary program in the state by the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, and teacher Dan Hill was named its Outstanding Agriculture Instructor; and

Whereas, Dan Hill is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Becky, whom he married thirty-one years ago, and the loving father of two sons, Nick and Jake:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered by Dan Hill during his tenure as an educator and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dan Hill.